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Amendments To The Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

~~The aim of the invention is to provide a~~ highly durable, high-strength thermal shield element is provided for the interior lining of the combustion chamber of a gas turbine. For this purpose, the thermal shield element comprises a base produced from a solidified cast ceramic material into which a plurality of reinforcing elements are integrated, to increase the tensile strength of the thermal shield element.